ADVISING GEN. HARRISON.

JOSEPH POOL, OF NEW-YORK, AND JUDGE MITCHELL OF ARKANSAS.

THE ONE ADDS CORNELIUS N. BLASS, THE OTHER HENDERSON, OF MISSOURI, TO THE LIST OF CABINET WORTHIES - METHODIST PREACHERS POSTPONE ACTION ON THE INAUGURATION BALL.

TRY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE. Indianapolis, Dec. 31.-The most conspicuou among General Harrison's callers to-day was Joseph Pool, of the Union League and Republican Clubs of New-York, widely known as the chairman of the Blaine Reception Committee of last August. He got through with his railroad business here this morning, and then went up with W. H. H. Miller, General Harrison's former law partner, to have a talk with the President-elect. The conversation lasted over half an hour, and though the General urged him to stay longer, Mr. Pool had then to hurry off to get ready to catch an afterbeen train for Cleveland. "We talked over campaign and other matters generally," said Mr. Pool, after he came down to the New Denison Hotel from General Harrison's house. "I do not think that the General had quite appreciated the magnitude of the work done in the campaign by the New-York Republicans. I mean, of course, not so much the work done by the State and National Committees as that done by individual Republicans in New-York City. I know men there who put their hands into their pockets and contributed thousands of dollars to prevent the colonization of voters and false representation in the lower wards of the city, and yet almost nobody knew it. The campaign of 1888 in New-York was the most tremendous struggle the Republicans ever made there. Few men outside the State can have any idea of the effort we made there, but we won a glorious victory, and we deserve to reap all the fruits of it." New-York will be sure to have a place in

"Yes, beyond a doubt, I think General Harrion will do what will satisfy New-York. The Empire State has always had a Cabinet Department and it will be stronge, if she does not have one under the next Administration."

Will there be any difficulty about it like making a choice between Mr. Miller and Mt.

"I think the talk about a division of opinion among New-York Republicans has been exaggerated. They are not at swords points. There will be no trouble about coming to an agreement. For myself I think that Mr. Platt did more than any other one New-York Republican to carry the State for General Harrison. He also had the chief share in bringing the New-York delegation over to the support of Harrison at the Chicago Convention. I think I may say that he gave more money to the Republican canvass in proportion to his means than perhaps any other Republican in the State.

" Mr. Miller would be an admirable choice also. My own view is, however, that the claim that Mr. Miller's canvass for the Governorship won the State in Novemver is not well founded:

I should not think that Mr. Platt would want to give up the control and direction of his express company, now one of the most important corporations in the United States, to go into the Cabinet at less than half his present salary. Platt, you know, is not a rich man. His salary as president of the express company is \$25,000." Is there any talk of any other New-Yorker for

"Well, if neither Mr. Platt nor Mr. Miller is chosen, there is no better man, I think, for the hend of one of the departments than Cornelius Mr. Bliss is now the chairman the Republican State Committee, and his business ability, his integrity and popularity are unquestioned. He would make a capital man for the Treasury Department. His business is wholly domestic, I believe, and he would not be barred out by the ruling against importing merchants. I am confident that New-York will get a seat in the Cabinet, and that everyody will be satisfied with General Harrison's

"How about members of the Cabinet from other States?"

Mr. Blaine, I think, will go into the Cabinet Nearly every Republican in the country would like to see him thus honored."

Mr. Poole told some interesting things about the canvass of the city made by the Republican Clubs' Campaign Committee, and about the measures taken to scare off Democratic repeaters. A detective, he said, was put in every lodginghouse in the downtown wards, and kept there for three months before election, "spotting" il-

Another caller to-day who talked politics with General Harrison was Judge C. E. Mitchell, of Texarkana, on the line between Arkansas and Texas. The Judge lives on the Arkansas side and presides over the courts of the IXth Arkansas Judicial District. His father was in Congress from Arkansas at the outbreak of the Rebellion and withdrew from Washington to go into the Confederate Senate. The Judge himself is a reconstructed Southerner and came here to talk with the President-elect about the South in the Cabinet and a Southern policy. The South west, he told General Harrison, had a representative, though an unsavory one, in the present Cabinet, and would be highly gratified to have another in the next one. J. B. Henderson, of Missouri, Judge Mitchell said, was the most con spicuous, perhaps, of the men already talked about as representative Southwesterners. Mr Henderson would be a highly satisfactory choice for Attorney-General. Arkansas had, however, two men, the Judge added, who might be suitable selections for Cabinet departments. They were Powell Clayton and Logan H. Roots. Mr. Clayton is the chairman of the Republican State Committee of Arkansas, and Mr. Roots is one of his

As to a Southern policy, Judge Mitchell suggested to General Harrison, that the Federal Election law should be enforced and that the negro should be protected also in person and property. Talking about the Southern elections. after he came away from General Harrison's house, Judge Mitchell said:

visors are required to appoint an equal number of election judges from each party, but no penalty is provided if they fail to do so. At our September election a line was drawn up, and negroes coming from one section were not permitted to reach the polls. They complained to me, but I realized that they would lose their lives if they testified against their persecutors, and discouraged them from taking

The Methodist Episcopal elerg nean at their meeting to-day took no definite action on the Imaggaration Ball by their Columbus brethren. The Rev. Dr. S. A. Keen, of the Roberts Park Conreh, the Rev. Dr. Treanor, and the Rev. J. F. Woodruff were appointed a committee to report suitable resolutions on the subject if they deemed it advisable. The committee will have two weeks to make the report. Talking te-dar about the dancing resolutions the Rev. Dr. Keen said "There is no doubt that we will take formal action. As Methodists we are opposed to dancing, and the fact that it is a National affair makes it worse rather than better, on account of the example and influence of it."

Dr. J. H. Ford, of the Central Avenue Church, said: "Personally I am opposed to dancing, but the Inauguration Ball has become a firmly established institution, and we can't stop it. I shall oppose any resolutions which tend to drag General Harrison into an embarrassing position. Whether the ball is right or wrong, he is in no wise responsible for it, and is in no position to denounce it or to protest against it. It is simply an accompaniment of the inaugural ceremonies which is not in any way official or connected with the Government. It is foolish to mention General Harrison in any way, whatever action we may take." ment. It is foolish to mention General Harrison in any way, whatever action we may take."

The Rev. Dr. McLeod, of the Second Presbyterian Church, has announced that he will preach on the proposed ball next. Sunday. He

thinks that General Harrison will accept an in vitation, and will not refuse on account of the

General and Mrs. Harrison will observe New Year's day by receiving all the afternoon, and un-til 7 o'clock in the evening. Mrs. Harrison and Mrs. McKee will also receive with other ladies at the New Denison Hotel from 8;30 to 11 p. m.

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The Republican State officers have about determined to enter into an ironclad covenant to sign no more petitions in behalf of office-seekers. Some of them, who don't understand how to say "No," have been indorsing about a dozen applications a day, and they fear that General Harrison is becoming disagreeably familiar with the style of their handwriting. One of them said to-day that he would really be ashamed to meet the President-elect, and he has finally resolved to decline to sign another recommendation for a month at least. Another of the State officers boasts that he has signed only three applications, but admits that in holding down to that number he has made about a dozen enemies every day.

"Still," he adds, "a man can't afford to be too generous with his signature. It makes his name awfully common."

THE NEW YEAR IN INDIANAPOLIS. A BRILLIANT PARTY AT WHICH MRS. HARRISON

WAS A PATRONESS. Indianapolis, Jan. 1.-Fashionable society was astir last night celebrating the outgoing year. The gathering of the society known as "The Assemblies" took place at the New Denison Hotel. Nearly 300 guests were present, including many ladies from other cities in the State and from Louisville and Cincinnati. The reception opened at 9 o'clock. The patronesses received the guests in the large parlor. Many handome tollets were displayed. The patronesses of the seciety are Mrs. E. B. Martindale, Mrs. Harrison, Mrs. H. R. Allen, and Mrs. A. L. Reache. Mrs. Martindale were black trimmed with blue and silver Persian embroidery; Mrs. Harrison, black lace over yellow silk en train; Mrs. Allen, black and white silk combined; Mrs. Roache, handsome black silk. The ball-room was elaborately decorated with evergreens and garlands of Florida moss. As the hands of the clock betokened the death of the old year, the dancers all paused, and the next moment the New Year was greeted with a burst of applause. The dancing continued until a late hour. Mrs. Harrison withdrew shortly after midnight.

GOSSIP ABOUT COLUMBIA COLLEGE.

DR. DRISLER SAYS THE RUMOR ABOUT MR. PHELPS IS PREMATURE-MR. DEWEY'S POSSIBLE SUCCESSOR

Much interest is felt among the students and in structors of Columbia College concerning the next president. It is generally believed that no change will be made this year, but that when President Barnard has completed his twenty-fifth year a successor will be chosen. Dr. Drisler, the senior professor of the college, who is acting president now, said vesterday to a Tribune reporter :

We cannot really say that there are any candidate: for the presidency yet, for although the committee appointed to receive nominations may have a number of names, they have not yet presented their report to the trustees, and consequently the trustees have taken no action whatever. The idea of Mr. Phelos having been asked to accept the presidency is as absurd, nder the circumstances, as it is premature. His name is before the committee, as are a number of others,

The students are divided in their preferences, Chandier, of the School of Mines, is the favorite in that department, while Dr. Drisler and Professor Van Amringe have many warm friends throughout the college. A professor said yesterday: "Professor Van Amringe is the favorite of the alumni. They will back him solidly, and I think that he will surprise the trustees when they see what a general favorite he is. This is a matter that is not going to be settled in a hurry, and while the trustees are looking about and considering matters, Professor Van Amringe's friends will be working." The other names that have been entioned are Professor Potter, a cousin of Bishop Potter, George L. Rives, Assistant Secretary of State

and a trustee of the college, and ex-Mayor Seth Low, of Brooklyn, who is also a trustee. When asked who would be the successor of Profeeer Mcivil Dewey, the director of the School of Library Economy at Columbia, Dr. Drisler said yester That is hard to tell. Professor Dewey has no of sent in his resignation, and before that is do to action can be taken by the Library Committee." rumored at the college that George H. Balser, with a lecturer on bibliography in the college, may su ed Professor Dewey.

MONEY FOR THE HOSPITALS.

A GOOD OUTLOOK FOR THE YEAR-SOME OF THE CONTRIBUTORS.

The returns from the collections in the churche on Hospital Sunday indicate an increase over any previous year, and the outlook of returns from other sources is equally encouraging. The amounts received yesterday by Mr. Charles Lanier, the general treasurer, No. 17 Nassau-st., are as follows: FROM THE CHURCHES.

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INSURANCE ON THE BURNED STEAMER.

| Steamer Bristol: | Lumbermen's, Penn. \$2,500 | Recamer Phila | 2,500 | Recam

RAILROAD INTERESTS.

PLACED IN THE HANDS OF RECEIVERS. THE CINCINNATI, WASHINGTON AND BALTIMORE

ROAD TO BE REORGANIZED. Cincinnati, Dec. 31.-Application was made this orning before Judge Peck, of the Superior Court, for the appointment of a receiver for the Cincinnati. Washington and Baltimore Rallroad. The Judge appointed Colonel Orland Smith, who has been president of the road, and Henry C. Yergason

dent of the Merchants' National Bank, o. as joint receivers. Each gave bond in the sum of \$10,000. The petition was filed by the Farmers' oan and Trust Company of New-York, which is a trustee for the mortgage creditors of the Cincinnati, Vashington and Baltimore Company. The indebtedess upon which to-day's suit was brought is the first issue of bonds, to the amount of \$7,000,000, on which is an accrued interest amounting to \$350,000. The Baltimore and Ohio road was represented in tolay's action, and acquiesced in the proceeding. The affidavit of the secretary and auditor of the road, attached to the petition, sets forth, among other things, that the bonded indebtedness of the road is \$14,705,000, secured by two mortgages, on which the supons due amount to \$710,842, with interest the time they fell due. The road's present indabted. ness is nearly \$1,000,000, and to morrow this will be increased by coupons falling due to the ame The company has also issued \$7,500,000 income bonds, in addition to the indebtedness before

here the placing of the Cincinnati, Washington and Baltimore Railroad in the bands of receivers is regarded as a movement of the Baltimore and Ohio Company to protect its interests in the former road. The company will promptly be reorganized by the Baltimore and Ohio people, who will thus obtain a firmer hold than ever on the property. E. J. D. Ross, one of the Baltimore and Ohio attorneys who conducted the negotiations on the part of that comand Baltimore road could not earn enough to pay interest on its mortgages. It owed supply claims in Cincinnati since 1887. It has fallen behind over \$1,000,000. It wanted new equipment, and the appointment of receivers was made to effect a readustment, and not to destroy the property. Baltimore and Ohio is a creditor of the Cincinnati,

Bultimore and Ohio is a creditor of the Cincinnati, Washington and Bultimore for \$1,250,000 on judgments for supplies, under which a sale could have been forced in ten days. Besides, the Bultimore and Ohio holds about \$2,000,000 in bonds. But title of the stock is owned in Bultimore; I believe a great deal is held in Europe."

It was stated in these dispatches last week that the Bultimore and Ohio Company had refused to make further advances to the Cincinnati, Washington and Bultimore, thus enforcing its judgment held against the Cincinnati, Washington and Bultimore. The Bultimore and Ohio also holds \$031,000 of overdue Cincinnati, Washington and Bultimore and Ohio also holds \$031,000 of overdue Cincinnati, Washington and Bultimore bonds.

THE SOUTH CAROLINA RAILWAY.

Charleston, S. C., Dec. 31 (Special).-The news of Carolina Rallway securities has created some excitement here, although it was not unexpected by he second mortgage bonds have fallen from 80 to 18, and the stock from 9 to 5. A letter received from President Talmage by the local directors here stated that the company would be unable to meet the interest on its second mortgage bonds, maturing Andrew Simonds, president of the First National Bank, and one of the two local directors of the company, admitted to-day that he had re ceived a letter from Mr. Talmage. There were, Mr. Simonds said, about \$1,000,000 of second mortgage sonds outstanding, most of which were held in New-York and Baltimore. The entire issue was \$1,500,000 The first mortgage bonds amounted to \$5,000,000, about \$4,000,000 of stock outstanding, and about sa,coo,coo of income bonds.

bonds amount to about \$5,000,000. The opinion of Mr. Simonds is that there are other trol of the South Carolina Railway; that these have ipe out the income bonds and the stock. would have a debt of about \$6,000,000, on which the roads can easily pay the interest. He refused to say what combination was interested in the deal, but the general belief is that it is the West Point Terminal. Mr. Simonds thinks that the holders of

THE INTERSTATE LAW DISCUSSED.

city, on Saturday night, the subject of discussion was:

The Interstate Commerce Law-its effect upon the railroads and the business of the country since it has been in operation." Among the speakers were President Ingalis, of the "Big Four" road, and United States Senator Dawes, of Massachusetts. Senator Dawes, when asked by a reporter to-day for the substance of his speech, declined to give it, as he under tation, however, in expressing his views. He said the question involved, to begin with, the relation which and that there ought never to be any legislation which will bring them into antagonism. Internal commerce has thereased to such an amazing extent that it has become absolutely necessary to have common control. The difficulty is not in lack of power, but in its exer cise. We are too apt to judge the law by its imme diate, rather than by its ultimate effect on those who are passing judgment. Massachusetts complains bit terly of the long and shore haul clause. Chicago complains of the prohibition of pooling. Shippers from other localities complain that their expectations of relief from unjust discrimination have not been real-There is no reasonable ground to expect a repeal of the law. There is, on the other hand, a reason to expect an enlargement of its scope and power-in the direction of a clearer definition of the regula tions which Congress intends to impose on commercbetween the States, as well as better and more effect ive means of securing conformity to its provision and the removal of conflicting and impracticable clauses, which may have inadvertently crept into it. Mr. Ingalls, of the Uncinnati, Indianapolis, St. Louis and Chicago system, said that, in his opinion, the In-terstate law had come to stay — The long and short hand clause does nothing more than put into legal shape and make binding the system under which the New-York Central, Peansylvania and Iale Shore companies had worked for years. Congress cannot change the law until the ratiroads agree among them selves. If there were not wars, and if through rate, were maintained at a fair sum, there would be no were maintained at a fair sum, there would be no difficulty with the clause. Managers had heretofore celled more upon pools than upon the integrity of their agreements. If a company agrees to maintair rates and does not do it, the competitor should have the right to recover damages in the court. Mr. Ingale, concluded by saying that the problem rested with managers or owners of rathroads, and could not be solved in legislarive halfs.

MISCELLANEOUS BAILWAY INTELLIGENCE. The passenger department of the Pennsylvania Rail road Company announces that on and after to-day a line of Pullmar palace sleeping cars will be placed in service between New-York and Charleston. The South bound ear will leave New York and Charleston. The South bound ear will leave New York on No. 23 at t p. m., Philadelphia 11:57 p. m., daily, The North bound sleeper will be attached to train No. 78, arriving in Philadelphia at 3:45 and New York 6:50 a, m. Philadelphia, Dec. 31 (Special).—In Third Street today the rune. to-day the rumor was verified that the engineers is the employ of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad hav-located a line that will connect the New-Jersey Central Railroad with the Kill Von Kull Bridge. In ends at Roselle, N. J., just where the tracks the Lehigh Valley's Roselle branch terminates. The oad to the bridge will connect with both roads, so that the Lehigh Valley will be enabled to send freight direct to Staten Island without passing over the New-Jersey Central Road at all.

It is stated by railroad men here that the road being built to connect the old Hanover June-tion, Hanover and Gettysburg Railroad, with the main line of the Western Maryland will be completed and n running order by midsummer

panies, held to-day, the annual reports were presented and adopted, and the following officers elected President, Austin Corbin; managers, A. J. (Antels, Samuel R. Shipley, Thomas Cochran, A. A. McLeod, P. Collis and William R. Taylor, P. C. Hollis

road if was announced to day that on and after will be placed in service between New York and Charleston, S. C. The South bound car will be at

sleeper will be attached to frain No. 78, arriving in Philadelphia at 3:45 a. m. and New-York at 6:50 Philadelphia at 3:345 a. in. and New-Fork at 0:350 a. in.

Railroad men interested in the Lehigh Valley Road say that the Lehigh Valley has arranged to use the bridge and the Staten Island terminus for some classes of traffic. The company has recently spent a large sum in improvements upon its coal wharves at Amboy, and will continue its coal shipments there. It is also putting plers and docks upon its property at also putting plers and docks upon its property at also putting plers and docks upon its property at where it is expected all its New York freight business will be handled, and perhaps a part of its expect trade. A large force has been put to work on the Atlantic City branch of the Reading, ballasting the road-bed with cluders.

Dubuque, Iowa, Dec. 31.-Governor Larrabee is sending instructions to some of the county attorneys of the State, calling their attention to the provislaws of the last General Assembly in regard to the regulation of railroads, and asking them in

case they at any time become satisfied that the law is being violated by any railroad company doing business in their counties, to enter complaint before the Grand Jury to secure the indictment of the roads. The Governor proposes to see that the provisions of the law are enforced, if possible. St. Louis, Dec. 31.-For some time the St. Louis, Alton and Springfield Railway has been endeavoring to gain an entrance to Alton, Ill., but owing to an Injunction sued out by the Chicago and Alton to prevent the new line from crossing the Chicago and Alton tracks it has been unable to do so. Yester day the st. Louis, Alton and Springfield conceived a new way of effecting an entrance, by cutting away a portion of the Weaver Vinegar Works and pushing the Alton side tracks over against the bluff. Nearly a mile of track was put down yesterday. The St. Louis, Alton and Springfield enters St. Louis on the Indianapolis and St. Louis tracks.

Kingston, Dec. 31.-General Passenger Agent Lambert and Division Superintendent Bradfield, of the West Shore Railroad, say that the obstruction in the

St. Paul. Dec. 31 (Special).-Chairman Abbott, of the Northwestern Passenger Association, sent out a notice three days ago to passenger agents that return portions of excursion tickets of the Burlington sold in Minneapolis and St. Paul are on the Chicago market affecting the rates. He asked the Chicago lines to check up return portions belonging to east-bound coupons that refurn portion, belonging to east-bound coupons that have been collected are outstanding. As to-day is the date of the three days, notice, and no advices of the withdrawal of the Eurlington from the agreement have been received in St. Paul, it is probable that the matter has been satisfactorily adjusted, as all of the tickets sold previous to the advance in rates of the tickets sold previous to the advance in rates of the on January 12, and the refurn trip of holiday excursion tickets expire January 3, there will be a few disturbing tickets on the market after these dates.

Foughkeepsie, Dec. 31 (special).—The official transfer of the Paurikeepsie bridge from the contractors, to of the Poughkeepsie bridge from the contractors to

the Poughkeepsic Bridge Company was made to-day, John I. Platt, vice-president of the Bridge Company receiving the property in behalf of his company. Cinetanati, Dec. 31.—D. G. Edwards, heretofore acting general passenger agent of the Queen and Crescent route, has been appointed general passenger and lichet agent of the company, dating from January 1, 1880.

Chicago, Dec. 31.-The shipments of flour, grain and provisions from Chicago to the scaboard by the rords in the Central Tradic Association last week agroads in the Central Tradic Association last week ag-gregated 67,572 tons, against 80,177 the previous week and against 44,763 tons for the corresponding week last year. The advance in the castbound rates had something to do with the falling off in tomage. Another factor was the circumstance that only five days are included in the report, owing to the Christ-mas holiday. The Vanderbill lines carried 50.1 rer-cent of the total, the Pennsylvania lines 15.8, Grand Trunk 15.5, Baltimore and Ohio 18.5, Big Four 0.1.

CLASSES OF THE RAILWAY MAIL SERVICE.

EXEMPT FROM THE RULES. Washington, Dec. 31.-Postmaster-General Dickin-

on has issued the following order, classifying the employes of the Railway Mail Service under Civil service rules and regulations:

Order No. 218-1t is ordered that all superintend-ents, assistant superintendents, chief clerks, railway postal clerks, route agents, local agents, mail-route messengers and other employes of the Railway Mail service be, and they hereby are, arranged in the

eless, but more than \$800, or a compensation rate of \$000 or less, but more than \$800 per Class 3-All persons receiving an annual salary of \$1,000 or less, but more than \$900, or a compensation at the rate of \$1,000 or less, but more than

\$1,400 per annum.

(Class 7-All persons receiving an annual salary of \$1,800 or less, but more than \$1,600, or a compensation at the tate of \$1,800 or less, but more than \$1,000 per athum.

Class 8-All persons receiving an annual salary of \$2,000 or less, but more than \$1,800, or a compensation at the rate of \$2,000 or less, but more than \$1,800 per annum.

Class S-All persons than \$1,800, or a compensation at the rate of \$2,000 or less, but more than \$1,800 per annua.

Class 9-All persons receiving an annual salary of I more than \$2,000 per annua.

It is provided that no person who may be appointed to an office by and with the advice and consent of the senate, and that no person who may be employed merely as a laborer or workman (not including any person designated as skilled laborer or workman), shall be considered as within this classification, and no person so employed shall without examination under the Civil Service rules be assigned to the duties of a classified place.

It is also ordered that no person shall be admitted into any place not excepted from examination by the Civil Service rules, in any of the classes above designated, until he shall have passed an appropriate examination prepared by the Chiled States Util Service Commission and his eligibility has been certified to this Department by said Commission.

Under the foregoing classification of the Railway Mail Service and the rules adopted by the Civil Service Commission. I hereby designate the the following places in the Railway Mail Service as exempt from txamination one general superintendent of the Railway Mail Service.

DON M. DICKINSON, Postmaster-General.

DELAWARE LEGISLATURE ORGANIZED.

REPUBLICANS REJOICING OVER THE CONTROL

the the organization of the Republican party, memcontrol of the D-laware Legislature. Republicans Republican headquarters in Dover were decorated and he Legislature will be Republican by two majority. he House Republican by fourteen to seven. enate met at 8:30 and elected Dr. B. L. Lewis, of Kent County, Speaker; A. E. Vandegrift, of Newastle, clerk, and Robert B. Workman, sergeant-atarms. This is a welcome victory, and shows that the Democratic factional lines are still strongly drown. The House at 12:30 elected for Speaker John H. Hoffleker, of Kent County, a Massey man. The inited States Senatorship contest will be fought out n the next two weeks. The friends of Anthony B. Smithers, of Kent, and Charles H. Treat, of sussex, are all claiming a lead for their respective candidates to night. A careful canviss, however, would seem to indicate that the fight has narrowed EINGING IN THE NEW YEAR.

About 10,000 people, mostly young men and maidon to Mr. Meislahn ring the old year out and the new year in. Broadway was lined with carriages from their them surged the good-humored crowd venting their enthusiasm with tin herns that at 12 o'clock broke out into a mighty chorus, the like of which New York has rarely heard. Two hundred policemen heat the crowd in order and no accidents were

DESCRIPTIONS OF MANY VESSELS. "The Record of American and Foreign shipping or 1980, published by the American Shipmasters' Association, of this city, is of about the same size as of the Boards of Underwriters of this city, Boston and San Francisco, and provides a standard American classification of vessels. It contains the names, classification, rating, dimensions, building materials, names of vessels, list of vessels the names of which have been changed, and rules for the construction and classification of wooden, iron and steel vessels.

A NEW COLONEL ELECTED. Thomas II. Barler as their Colonel. The new colonel was graduated in the class of 1857, from West Point, and was appointed Second Lieutenant of the 1st Artillery. He was afterward instructor in artillery at the headomy and served as Adjutant General, with the rank of Colonel, Thirty-ninth Annual Statement of the

United States Life Insurance Company

IN THE CITY OF NEW-YORK,

For the Year ending December 31st, 1888.

BALANCE SHEET. Cr. To Reserve at 4 per cent. Actuaries' Table
(N. Y. State Standard) including divi-Loans on Folicies
Loans secured by Collaterals
Balances due by Agents, secured
Interest accrued
Deferred Premiums, less 10 per cent, for 84,739 18 Accrued rent and unpresented accounts. Sugplus as regards policy holders..... Premiums in course of collection, less 10 per cent..... 82,000 16 \$5,976,249 82

On the former basis of valuation (i. e., American Table and 412 per cent. interest) the Surplus is \$1,016,369 68.

FINANCE COMMITTEE. OFFICERS. President P. VAN VOLKENBURGH. . . Dry Goods . . . Secretary GEO. G. WILLIAMS, Pres't Chemical Nat. Bank GEORGE H. BURFORD. C. P. FRALEIGH. C. P. FRALEIGH.

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New Insurance Written \$5,497,820 \$6,335,665 Total Amount Insurance in force December 31st .. \$23,157,468 \$25,455,249

NEW MEN IN OFFICE.

D. LOWBER SMITH AND E. L. PARRIS. LAST APPOINTMENTS BY THE CITY'S RETIRING

EXECUTIVE.

Mayor Hewitt's last official act yesterday was the swearing in of Edward L. Parris as Commissioner of Taxes, to take the place of E. C. Donnelly, a hold-A short time before this, however, he had administered the oath of office to D. Lowber Smith as Commissioner of Public Works. Mr. Smith was originally appointed by Mayor Hewitt to fill the office atter the resignation of General Newton. The Corporation Counsel, on whose advice the Mayor says he acted, decided that the term would expire on May 1 next, but others hold that it will not expire until

The Tammany Hall men were by no means pleased with this action of the Mayor. When asked about his action in making this appointment, the Mayor said: "When I appointed Mr. Smith before, I simply made the appointment so that it read, 'in place of General John Newton, resigned.' The polit has since been made, and it is a very ridiculous one, I think, that General Newton was a hold-over Commissioner and in the appointment of his successor the words I used put him in the same position of being a hold-over Commissioner. My successor, Mayor Grant, if he held this view might try to pull Mr. Smith 2500 per armum.

Class 4—All persons receiving an annual salary of \$1,200 or less, but more than \$1,000, or a compensation at the rate of \$1,200 or less, but more than \$1,000. \$1,000.

Class 5-All persons receiving an annual salary of \$1,400 or less, but more than \$1,200, or a compensation at the rate of \$1,400 or less, but more than \$1,200 per annum. 1,200 per annum.
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present century."

Mr. Beekman, the Corporation Counsel, corrobe rated the statements of the Mayor as to his advice on the point. The Commissioner of Public Works refused to say anything on the matter. He went to the Mayor's office in the morning to attend the meetwent to his office. He did not remain there long, for a little before noon he hurried over to the City Hall and was taken into the Mayor's private room. Here, with the Mayor's secretary, Arthur Berry,

present, the oath was administered said that he had referred the question to several lawyers of ability and they had differed on the time when the term of office would expire.

E. L. Parris, the Mayor's other appointment, was an Assistant District-Attorney while John McKeon and Peter B, Oiney were at the head of the office. He was retained for a short time under District-Attorney Martine, but resigned and has since been engaged in private practice. He won a reputation as being careful, conscientions and painstaking. Mr. Parris has been interested in the Young Men's

time the president of the club. He was an intimate acquaintance of the late Samuel J. Tilden, and took acquaintance of the late Samuel J. Filden, and took an active part in the management of the campaign of 1876. He was one of the representatives of the Southern States began a policy of increased prices and limited production. In the hope of controlling the whiskey market. We have been active the election of 1876 to watch the work of the electoral colleges, in Mr. Titlen's interest. Mr. Parris has been an active County Democrat, but has parts has been an active County Democrat, but has not been prominent in the recent disputes between a gallon, on alcohol and distilled spirits, to take effect

LOPPING OFF OFFICIAL HEADS. THE NEW SHERIFF'S STAFF-CHANGES TO BE MADE BY THE COUNTY CLERK.

Edward F. Reitly, who will begin to-day his term as County Clerk, began yesterday chopping off heads in his department by announcing that a number of dismissals would take place immediately. those who will have to took for new places are James Putnam, who has been a searcher for thirty-three years, Henry V. Leayeraft, twelve years, and James Dunlap, twenty-four years. John Kenney, who hashed in the friendship of "Tim" Campbell, was also told to get out, as were Louis Loew, a brother of ex-

Jall; deputy sheriffs, Joel O. Stevens, P. Anderson, Itody S. Brassel, Lawrence Delmotr, John Lavery, Peter McGinnis, James Canaber, Julian Re Julius Kaufman and William E. Burke. All these are reappointment.

Bernard J. Tinney, who succeeds Charles H. Beckett

as probate clerk in Surrogate Ransom's office to-day, Hall Democrat of the XXIIId Assembly District, Du ing the five years' term of Mr. Beckett, who now bemember of the law firm of hooraem, Hamilton & Beckett, over 0.200 wills have been admitted to probate, while only 375 have been contested, of which forty have been referred. Among the wills admitted without con-

test were those of William H. Vanderbilt, Cardinal McCloskey, General George R. McClellan, Charlotte Augusta Astor, Henry Bergh, Joseph W. Diexel, C. K. Garrison, H. B. Claiffn, John J. Cisco, Catharine I. Wolfe, Cornelia M. Stewart, William R. Travers, John Roach, Cornelius R. Agnew, John Kelly, General Lloyd Aspinwall, William Dorshelmer and Joseph Wesley Harper.

BROOKLYN MEN WHO GO AND STAY. The only changes in the officials in Brooklyn at the beginning of this year are in the County Clerk's and Register's offices. In the former ex-Police Cap-tain W. J. Kaiser succeeds John M. Ranken. He is the first Republican to take the office since 1864. II is expected that he will make few changes among the subordinates of the office. Deputy County Clerk George G. Barnard will be retained. In the Register's office one Democrat succeeds another, ex-Alderman James Kane taking the place of William H. Murtha. Deputy Register William Barre will be retained.

It is expected that ex-Assemblyman Moses J.

Wafer will take Kane's seat in the Board of Alder-At the City Hall Controller Livingston and City Auditor Rutan enter upon their second terms. Mayor Chapin and the Aldermen hold over for another year, as do the heads of all the departments. Associate Justice Savage, of the Court of Sessions, will give place to Associate Justice Charles A. Concardy. Both are Republicans. In the floort of Supervisors of Kings County six new members will take seats on Thursday, but the political complexion of the Board will remain unchanged, and the Democrats will have a majority of eight.

STINGING WORDS POLITELY SAID.

COLONEL BLISS CHARACTERIZES MR. RUSSELL'S SARCASTIC STATEMENT AS FALSE.

An order having been obtained by Colonel Georg Bliss, counsel for John Keenan in his suit against O'Brien & Clark, the Aqueduct contractors, for the examination as a witness before trial of Heman Clark, an order to show cause why it should not be vacated was obtained by ex-Attorney-General Leslie W. Rus sell and E. T. Lovatt, representing the defendants, on which argument was heard by Justice Andrews, in the Supreme Court, Chambers, sesterday. All of the counsel were present, but ex-Judge Russell moved for an adjournment.

Colonel Bliss asked for a stipulation that Clark would appear for examination if the decision on this argument was against him. To this Mr. Russell would not consent. He said that if the order for the examination of Clark was permitted to stand an appeal would be taken. He added that there was no reason to doubt that Clark would appear if finally

Colonel Bliss replied brusquely that he had had trouble in serving Clark and that he had information

that he would not appear."
"No doubt your resources for obtaining information on the subject are exceedingly large," retorted Mr Russell with a touch of sarcasm. At this Colonel Bliss appeared to be greatly nettled.

"Do you mean to say," he cried, "that I am getting

false."

" istated," replied Mr. Russell, "that your resources for obtaining information were large." He added that Mr. Clark would doubtless appear if duly ordered to do so. The hearing was finally adjourned until Friday, and the time for the examination to take place before Referee J. H. Judge was extended until Monday.

REDUCING THE PRICE OF WHISKEY.

ONE. BIG TRUST FIGHTING ANOTHER-WHAT

When the Distillers and Cattle Feeders' Trust was first organized, with headquarters at Peoria, IIL, it began a policy of increased prices and limited proyesterday. This means a fall in price from \$1 15 to \$1.05 per proof gallon, and from \$2.16 to \$1.67.1-2 per wine gallon. The St. Paul Distilling Company, one of the newest firms outside of the trust. immediately followed with a reduction in the price of high grade wines of 3 cents under the figures named by the trust. This makes the price of

The outcome is problematical to a certain extent, though considerable light was thrown upon the sin-ation yesterday by Mr. Cook, of the large importing house of Cook & Bernheimer, No. 144 Franklin-st.

"This war is less serious than appearances would basked in the friendship of "Tim" Campbell, was also told to get out, as were Louis Loew, a brother of excontroller Loew, George Fitzgerald and Charles P. Willis.

Mr. Reilly let it be known that he has appointed Patrick Scully, at present a \$2,000 clerk in the Custom House, and formerly a bookkeeper for a marble importing firm, to be Deputy County Clerk. He is a member of the Vith Assembly District Committee of Tammany Hall.

Sheriff James A. Flack has announced his staff, which is: Thomas F. Cilroy, under-sheriff; Bernard F. Martin, order of arrest clerk; Charles F. Martin, cashier; James G. Keating, warden of Lucllow-st Latt, deaths as if the contract of the Staff, and the stronger kind of an event of the Cilroy. The contract of the light of the production of distilled liquors at the lowest possible rates. The trust is a unit in all things and the strongers kind of an event of the contract of the light of the production of distilled liquors at the company. Duckword & Co., of Chicago, the St. Paul Distilling Company, Duckword & Co., of Chicago, the St. Paul Distilling Company, Duckword & Co., of Chicago, the St. Paul Distilling Company, Duckword & Co., of Chicago, the St. Paul Distilling Company, Duckword & Co., of Chicago, the St. Paul Distilling Company, Duckword & Co., of Chicago, the St. Paul Distilling Company, Duckword & Co., of Chicago, the St. Paul Distilling Company, Duckword & Co., of Chicago, the St. Paul Distilling Company, Duckword & Co., of Chicago, the St. Paul Distilling Company, Duckword & Co., of Chicago, the St. Paul Distilling Company, Duckword & Co., of Chicago, the St. Paul Distilling Company, Duckword & Co., of Chicago, the St. Paul Distilling Company, Duckword & Co., of Chicago, the St. Paul Distilling Company, Duckword & Co., of Chicago, the St. Paul Distilling Company, Duckword & Co., of Chicago, the St. Paul Distilling Company, Duckword & Co., of Chicago, the St. Paul Distilling Company, Duckword & Co., of Chicago, the St. Paul Distilling Company, Duckword & Co., of Chicago, the St.

ROBBING THE INDIANAPOLIS POST OFFICE. of the Indianapolis Post Office at 12:30 p. m. to-day, of the Indianalous Post.

A. H. Johnson is chief of the money order department.

His assistants had gone to dinner, leaving Johnson alone for about half an hour. A stranger appeared at the window and said that a gentleman in his buggy determined by the proposition of the property of the window and said that a gentleman in his buggy determined. sired Johnson to come out and see him. Johnson was persuaded to go out. When he returned he found that the stranger had entired the office and filled his pockets with greenbacks. The thieves secured about \$2,500.

FIVE PERSONS REPORTED LYNCHED. Greenville, Mess., Jan. 1 (special). Seven prisoners, five men and two women, arrested at Oscala for arson, disappeared from the fall last night, and it is rumored that they were shot. They were servants of Colonel Paxton, whose house was burned. Two of the prisoners confessed that there was a plot to muc-der the family.